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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, MARCH 30

REF: BRUSSELS 1811 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ASST. FOR EC POL
CONSULTATIONS (VAN EEKELEN) PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING
INFORMATION WHICH SUPPLEMENTS REFTEL REPORT ON PC
DISCUSSION OF SECOND REPORT OF LUXEMBOURG, COUNCIL OF
EUROPE, AND NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP.
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END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND LUXEMBOURG REPORT. THIS WAS PRINCIPAL ITEM OF BUSINESS AT MARCH 30 PC MEETING, AND LONGSTANDING QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PC AND EC INSTITUTIONS WAS AGAIN CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. BRITISH PROPOSED THAT EC INSTITUTIONS BE ENPOWERED TO EXAMINE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF QUESTIONS WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE AND TO DRAW ON PC FOR INPUT AS REQUIRED. FOR ITS PART, PC COULD DO SAME VIS- A- VIS EC WHEN THERE WERE IMPORTANT ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS BEFORE PC. THIS PROPOSAL WAS REASONABLY WELL RECEIVED, AS IT WOULD BASICALLY ONLY PUT SEAL OF APPROVAL ON CURRENT PROCEDURES. FRENCH OFFERED MILD OBJECTIONS ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS FOR PC TO PRESCRIBE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY EEC. MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT MAY 24-25 PC MEETING.

2. SINCE SECOND REPORT IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE EVALUATION OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, QUESTION CAME UP WHETHER EVALUATION, WHICH COULD BE EMBARRASSING AND/ OR SENSITIVE IN CERTAIN AREAS, SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AS SEPARATE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT. DUTCH AND SOME OTHERS OPPOSED THIS BECAUSE EXISTENCE AND CONTENTS OF SUCH A SECRET REPORT WERE BOUND TO LEAK AND BECAUSE OMISSION OF EVALUATION IN PUBLIC VERSION OF SECOND REPORT WOULD PROVOKE QUESTIONS AND CRITICISM. IN THE END, COMPROMISE WAS STRUCK WHEREBY REPORT WOULD CONTAIN BLAND LANGUAGE ON EVALUATION, AND SEPARATE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS ON EVALUATION.

3. DAVIGNON RAISED QUESTION WHETHER IN SECOND REPORT NINE SHOULD TAKE ON ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT RE POLITICAL CONSULTATION. THERE WAS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM TO DO SO, BUT BRIT SUGGESTED THAT NINE DEVELOP " POLITICAL REFLEX" WHEREBY AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE CAME UP NINE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER PC SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER. ITALIANS WILL PREPARE PAPER ON SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO JUNE 4-5 MINISTERIAL.

4. PC ALSO TOOK UP EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REQUEST THAT
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" COLLOQUES" WITH PC BE INCREASED TO FOUR PER YEAR TO

BRING CONSULTATIONS INTO LINE WITH SYSTEM OF QUARTERLY PC MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THIS PRESENTED PROBLEM, BECAUSE UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM THERE IS ONE " COLLOQUE" TO REVIEW SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS IN PC AND ONE MEETING TO PREPARE ANNUAL COMMUNIQUE ON PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY. DAVIGNON RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR SUGGESTION THAT PC PROPOSE THREE " COLLOQUES" AND FOURTH MEETING ON ANNUAL COMMUNIQUE.

5. NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP WAS LAST MINUTE ITEM RAISED BY DAVIGNON. DANISH COMMENT WAS THAT DENMARK WILL SUPPORT APPLICATION IN LIGHT OF RECENT DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY. FRENCH WILL NOT OPPOSE, BUT ARE UNDECIDED WHETHER TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE YES. FRG, UK, AND NETHS LIKELY TO GO ALONG WITH SOUTH KOREAN DESIRE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP QUESTION UNTIL 1974.

6. PC AGREED THAT DENMARK, ITALY, AND FRANCE WOULD BE EC REPS ON COMMITTEE OF SIX PREPARING REPORT ON FUTURE OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
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